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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

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SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of Photographs
of North Vietnam Obtained on 11 August
1963 (Mission 6066)

1. This is the first high altitude photographic coverage of North Vietnam since the series of missions [redacted] No unusual developments were noted in the photographs, which included 100 percent cloud-free coverage of the coastal rail and road route from Hanoi to the De-militarized Zone (DMZ) dividing Vietnam.

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Military

2. Six major airfields were covered. Phuc Yen, an airbase near Hanoi that has been under construction since [redacted] now appears serviceable. Facilities there include an 8,500 foot concrete runway, a partially completed concrete taxiway, and approximately 120 barracks and storage buildings.

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3. No unusual activity was noted at several major ground force installations covered by this mission. Extensive track activity in the Vinh Yen Army barracks area suggests that tank training continues there. The North Vietnamese Army probably has an armor unit primarily equipped with PT-76 light amphibious tanks.

Industry and Transportation

4. The general level of rail and road activity appeared normal, although some road construction and improvement was noted northeast of Hanoi. All of the major industrial areas photographed seemed normally active. Considerable evidence of recently stepped-up construction activity was detected at a large industrial site not far from Hanoi, on the railline connecting Hanoi and South China. Construction there was first noted [redacted]

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*This is a large steel mill
under construction - probably
of ChiCom origin*

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